

TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 9, 2014
7 PM

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting at 7 PM followed by a salute to the flag.

Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Murray, councilwoman Ranni, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilman Valentine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kiwanis town wide clean up is scheduled for April 26, 2014. Participants will meet at Wendy's (in the Village)

Comprehensive Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7 PM.

Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 12, 2014 at 11 a.m. at the Commons.

Park and Recreation summer camp late registration is scheduled for April 23, 2014 at the Town Hall.

Story Book Dance begins on May 2, 2014 at 11 .m. in the Senior Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to approve the minutes of the Town Board up through February 26, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilwoman Smith and passed unanimously to approve the bills in the following funds:

General	\$ 63,675.67
Part Town	12,178.73
Highway	38,990.12
Highway Part Town	8,225.87
Walton Lake Water	3,812.01
Surrey Meadows water	1,987.84
Lake Hill Farms Water	3,215.82
Sugar Loaf Water	1,673.12
Fieldcrest Water	3,441.12
Garbage District	47,317.48
Trust and Agency	<u>13,168.89</u>
Total	\$197,686.67

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MOCK TRIAL RECOGNITION

Participants of the Mock Trial Term were present to receive certificates from the Board. Joe Ranni, Sean Cunningham and Lynda Schnowski were also present.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR REMEDIATION

A motion was made by Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the remediation project in the lower level of the Town hall.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by councilwoman smith to approve the request to send Stg. Slowik and Chief Doellinger to the FEMA/Department of Homeland Security workshop on April 29th in Goshen. There is no fee for the course. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to send Sgt. Vitale to a Forensic Document Examination, Handwriting and Statement Analysis course in New Windsor on May 8, 2014. There is no fee for the course. Motion carried 5-0.

AT & T CELLULAR TOWER PRESENTATION

John Furst, Esq. Attorney for AT & T was present to discuss with the Board a proposal to have a lease agreement with the Town for a property off Southside Drive for the construction of a telecommunications facility and pole. They would like to lease approximately 2,500 square feet. The lease payments would be \$24,000 annually for the first five years, and then 15% rent increases on any future 5 year renewals. If other carriers wish to locate their telecommunications on the tower this would increase the income for the Town.

AT & T is looking to construct a 125 foot tall telecommunications structure and could carry four wireless carriers and equipment. The tower would have 12 antennas. The shelter would be 12 feet wide, 28 feet long and 12 feet high. They intend to use the existing access road (probably once a month).

This project would provide coverage to the southeastern portion of the Town.

Mr. Furst gave an update on wireless statistics.

Town Attorney Bonacic informed those present that AT & T approached the Board in August, 2013. The Board must decide if this is something the Board is interested in pursuing.

Supervisor Jamieson noted that cell towers are controversial issues. He noted that the area of Town that AT & T is looking at is an area that has poor cell service.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the aesthetics, proposed rays and cost versus health of people. She said she does not think it is close to any houses. She favored looking into this more. She also asked about SEQRA.

Councilman Valentine asked for an estimate on the additional users would be.

The reply was that this would be negotiated with the Town. A dollar amount could not be given. It was noted that three additional antennae rays could be added. He favored pursuing this further.

Attorney Bonacic said SEQRA would have to be conducted. He said he would speak to Mr. Furst further.

Councilwoman Ranni expressed support of the project.

Planning Board Chairman Serotta said a special permitted use and site plan would be required.

Engineer Fusco said any health issues would come through the SEQRA process.

Mr. Furst said they need to comply with the FCC.

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Supervisor Jamieson reported that Fireworks Extravaganza is contracting with the Town for a fireworks show on July 12 with a rain date of

He spoke to our insurance agent, John Vero, regarding insurance. The attorney thinks \$3 million liability should be on the policy and that the Town should be listed as an additional insured.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract pending approval of our insurance agent and attorney review. Motion carried 5-0.

BILLBOARDS

Supervisor Jamieson said billboards were previously discussed.

A motion was made by Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to hold a special meeting on April 30, 2014 at 7 PM to discuss billboards and any other business that may come before the Board. Said meeting to take place in the Town Hall meeting room. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Bonacic suggested Alan Sorenson (Town Planner) and Al Fusco (Town Engineer) be included in the meeting.

CHANGE IN BANKS FOR TOWN

Sterling National Bank will be closing their local office in June, 2014. The nearest branch will be Goshen, Florida or Monroe. Interviews were held with representatives from the local banks in Chester. The

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith that the Town of Chester transfer all accounts from Sterling National Bank to Orange County Trust. Motion carried 5-0.

They will offer the same services as Sterling National Bank.

Supervisor Jamieson said the process will take about 60 to 90 days.

PARKS AND RECREATION

It was reported that Tom Kelly, Director of Parks and Recreation resigned. There is a need to fill this position.

A motion was made by Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to accept the resignation of Tom Kelly as Parks and Recreation Director effective April 2, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith directing the Town Clerk to place an ad in the paper for a Parks and Recreation Director. Motion carried 5-0.

TEMPORARY CLERK FOR ZBA

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to appoint Christine Kohlberger as a part time temporary clerk for the ZBA. Motion carried 5-0.

COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Jamieson reported that there have been a lot of comments coming in as a result of the public hearing held by the Comprehensive Committee.

Sherry Denes said that billboards are included in the Comprehensive Committee.

She also said she thought members of the Comprehensive committee should be at the special meeting on April 30, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith at 8 PM and seconded by Councilman Murray to enter into executive session for interviews. Motion carried 5-0.

The executive session ended at 8:25 PM on motion by Councilman Murray which was seconded by Councilwoman Smith and carried 5-0.

RESIGNATION OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to accept the resignation of Barbara Schust as a trustee on the Chester Library Board effective the February, 2014 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

REQUEST TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to permit Occupations, Inc. to sell raffle tickets in the Town of Chester. Motion carried 5-0.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Councilwoman Smith reported the Library is starting a book sign out with the homebound through the Office for the Aging Senior Dining program. The Town Clerk is assisting with this. Once is it underway, the library will see if it can be expanded to include other homebound residents.

WEBSITE

The updated website should be completed within next 2 to 3 weeks.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilwoman Ranni referenced a letter from the District Attorney's Office asking to meet with local municipal Boards regarding an outreach program. She would like to have someone from the District Attorney's office come and speak to the Board.

Supervisor Jamieson asked her to schedule them for the April 23, 2014 Town Board meeting.

Councilwoman Smith reported that she and Councilman Murray attended the Moodna Commission meeting last week. Most of the discussion was on the budget.

Supervisor Jamieson thanked John Burleson of the Bellvale community for all they do in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to enter into executive session. Motion carried 5-0.

Following the executive session, a motion was made to close the executive session and re-open the public meeting.

There being no further business brought before the Board, a motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Reilly
Town Clerk
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